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TREATMENT

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents and a Communication from a foreign patent office with an English translation thereof is submitted herewith. It is noted that JP 09-192937, JP 08-300227A and JP 06-182626A cited in the attached foreign Communication were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed March 22, 2002 and thus are not listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form, but English translations thereof provided with the foreign Communication are submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language translation thereof indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. It is also noted that the attached U.S. Patent No. 6,441,333 is a continuation of application No. PCT/JP98/01006, of which the attached DE 198 82 983 T 1 is the German equivalent.

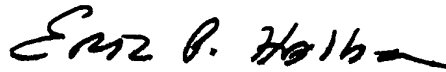
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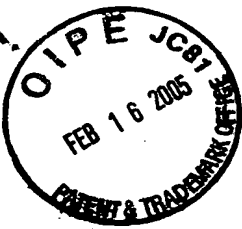
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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

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